

LEE S. JOHNSON,)
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Plaintiff,)
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v.) ORDER
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CARMAX AUTO SUPERSTORES)
SERVICES INC., et al.,)
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Defendants.)
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- (a) ***Scope of Rule.*** To further openness in civil case proceedings, there is a presumption under applicable common law and the First Amendment that materials filed in this Court will be filed unsealed. This Rule governs any party’s request to seal, or otherwise restrict public access to, any materials filed with the Court or used in connection with judicial decision- making. As used in this Rule, “materials” includes pleadings and documents of any nature and in any medium or format.
- (b) ***Filing under Seal.*** No materials may be filed under seal except by Court order, pursuant to a statute, or in accordance with a previously entered Rule 26(e) protective order.
- (c) ***Motion to Seal or Otherwise Restrict Public Access.*** A party’s request to file materials under seal must be made by formal motion,

separate from the motion or other pleading sought to be sealed, pursuant to LCvR 7.1. Such motion must be filed electronically under the designation “Motion to Seal.” The motion must set forth:

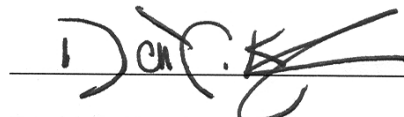
- (1) A non-confidential description of the material sought to be sealed;
- (2) A statement indicating why sealing is necessary and why there are no alternatives to filing under seal;
- (3) Unless permanent sealing is sought, a statement indicating how long the party seeks to have the material maintained under seal and how the matter is to be handled upon unsealing; and
- (4) Supporting statutes, case law, or other authority.

LCvR 6.1. It appears that the requirements of LCvR 6.1(c)(1) through (4) have been adequately met.

Having considered the factors provided in LCvR 6.1(c), the Court will grant the motion to seal. Noting that the time for public response has not run to this motion, the Court will consider any objection to this Order from non-parties as an objection to the motion, requiring no additional burden for any non-party under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. See Local Rule 6.1(e).

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that “Carmax’s Motion To Seal” (Document No. 23) is **GRANTED**. The “Confidential Settlement Agreement And Release Of All Claims” (Document No. 22-1) shall be **SEALED** and remain under **SEAL** until otherwise ordered by this Court.

SO ORDERED.



David C. Keesler
United States Magistrate Judge

